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Applicant: Thomas M. Cowan
et al.

Appln. No.: 08/821,890

Filed: March 21, 1997

Title: TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION
FOR SIGNAL SUBSTITUTION

Group Art Unit: 2771

Examiner: Uyen Le

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for failure to respond to an Office Action. A copy of this Reply
from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is attached.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed in the subject
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examination. A copy of the September 26, 2000 Decision on
petition is attached.

Please acknowledge that the subject application is not
abandoned and begin examination of application Serial No.
08/821,890 as directed in the Decision on petition.

Respectfully requested,

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This is a decision on the petition, filed August 9, 2000, under 37 CFR 1.8 and 1.10 which is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Under current Office procedure, a response that has an incorrect application number is handled in accordance with MPEP 508.03. If a paper having an incorrect application number contains sufficient information to identify the correct application and was timely filed, the holding of abandonment will be withdrawn. In reviewing the papers submitted, it is concluded that the information contained thereon was sufficient to associate the papers with the instant file.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2700 for further examination in due course.

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